

# Record Entry Seen For Mat Tourney

By SAM PROCOPIO

When Penn State's grapplers travel Thursday to Norman, Okla., they will defend their NCAA title against a record number of 173 wrestlers from 50 colleges and universities. The record entry will compete for national team and individual honors at the University of Oklahoma Fieldhouse, Friday and Saturday.

This total will exceed the old all-time mark set at Rec Hall last year by only five. However, before the preliminaries begin Friday, it is expected that the total number of applicants will drop below the Penn State record. Last year, 52 schools entered 168 wrestlers.

## 17 IM Pins Mark 25th Anniversary

The silver dedication anniversary of Rec Hall passed quietly last night as if forgotten by the student body and the multitude of athletes that practice there each day. Had it not been for the night's 24 action-packed wrestling bouts, the lights would have been dimmed, and Rec Hall's 25th anniversary would have passed in darkness.

The wrestlers, nevertheless, continued the fast pace set as in the four previous nights of competition. A record number—17 pins—were recorded.

Sigma Pi enjoyed its finest performance of the young tournament when it collected 13 points. Ed Holt, 121-pounder, and Payson Burt, 175-pounder, both of Sigma Pi, pinned Bill Leibig, Alpha Chi Rho, and Doug Zucker, Phi Sigma Delta, while Bill Caryl, Sigma Pi 165-pounder, won a 8-6 decision over Paul Brobst, Triangle. Parker Reist, Delta Sigma Phi, pinned Al Brooks, Sigma Pi, with a half-nelson and crotch in a 135-pound match.

### Lambda Chi's Score 10

Lambda Chi Alpha picked up 10 points as Tom Hand, 165-pounder, upset Dick Jones, Sigma Nu, in 3:15, and Glenn Gross, heavyweight, pinned Bob Susine, Phi Kappa, with a body press.

Bob Abbott, Sigma Nu, recorded the fastest pin of the night when he up-ended Don Hoffman, Beta Sigma Rho, in 35 seconds. Abbott used a double grape-vine and body press over his 135-pound opponent.

Whitey Messerman, Delta Chi, needed 40 seconds to pin Dick Mohler, Sigma Chi 145-pounder, with a half-nelson and body press. Roger Rue, Delta Chi, found the way more difficult as he lost a 6-0 decision to Armour Black, Chi Phi. A third Delta Chi, heavyweight George Weaver, pinned Sam Kahn, Sigma Alpha Mu, with a double-arm lock in 2:23.

Heavyweight Chuck Yarbrough, Phi Kappa Sigma, overturned Harry Thomas, Delta Sigma Phi, in 1:42 with a double-arm bar, and Dick Schutte, Theta Xi, pinned Bob Bishop, Alpha Chi Sigma, with a body press in 2:25.

### Third Period Pin

Although bothered by a bad leg, 145-pounder Harry Berger, Alpha Gamma Rho, secured a double-arm bar on Ronald Lentz, Delta Sigma Phi, and pinned his opponent with 48 seconds gone in the third period. Chuck Leech, Theta Chi, had a tough time with Bob Brown, Pi Kappa Sigma, before pinning him in 5:11. Leech, who rode his 145-pound opponent throughout the second, won with a half-nelson and body press.

Winfred Doederlein, Kappa Sigma, pinned 175-pounder Tom Schott, Phi Gamma Delta, with a body press in 5:03. Ramsey Frank, Alpha Gamma Rho, took down 121-pounder Manny Tubella, Kappa Delta Rho, early in the first period and caught Tubella in a head-lock. The time was 1:03.

Other fraternity winners last night were Dave Barney, Sigma Nu, by pin; Dave Lesser, Phi Epsilon Pi, by pin; Bruce Austin, Aca-cia, by decision; Dick Heim, Pi Kappa Phi, by fall; Jay Levan, Phi Sigma Kappa, by decision; and Alan Dash, Beta Sigma Rho, by decision.

Independent winners were Hess, and Jerry Kleisath, both by decisions.

Competition, which will be at its best, will find team champions representing seven of the country's nine major conferences. Not in the fold are Toledo, Mid-American champs, and West Virginia, southern champs.

Conference team champions which will be entered are Oklahoma of the Big Seven, Purdue of the Big Ten, Pittsburgh of the Eastern Intercollegiate Association, Washington State of the Pacific Coast, Colorado State of the Rocky Mountain, Colorado A&M of the Skyline, and Alabama Poly of the Southeastern.

### No Tournaments

Teams like Maryland of the Atlantic conference and Oklahoma A&M of the Missouri Valley conference will be represented in the 24th renewal of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament, since neither conference held a tournament.

Spearheading the field for 1954 individual honors will be four "mighty-mites" who will put a victory string of 118 matches without a defeat on the line. Two of the small fry are defending champions—Hugh Peery, Pittsburgh's 115-pounder, and Norvard Nalan, 130-pounder of Michigan.

The other two pint-sized wrestlers who will attempt to keep their win skein intact are Andy Kaul, another Michigan threat, and Tommy Evans of Oklahoma's host team.

### Peery Wins 44 Straight

Peery, son of Pitt Coach Rex Peery, one-time Oklahoma Aggie great, brings the most impressive record into the tournament. He has won 44 straight matches and is the overwhelming favorite to continue as master of the nation's 115-pounders.

Norvard Nalan battled to a hard-fought 7-5 victory over Penn State's Dick Lemyre in last year's tourney to win his title. Lemyre was losing 4-0 in the first period. Just before the period ended, he cut the score in half with a reversal. Lemyre had the scrappy Wolverine grappler at a near fall position, but Nalan nicely slid off the mat.

### Most Interesting Match

If there is a match which will be the most interesting to see, it will be Lemyre versus Nalan, should both reach the finals as is expected.

Evans will try to repeat his 1952 championship performance following a year's layoff because of injuries.

Unbeaten Kaul won the Big Ten 137-pound title for the Wolverines.

## Senator Martin Praises Cagers

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Sen. Martin (R-Pa) took the Senate floor today to congratulate LaSalle College of Philadelphia and Penn State University for their accomplishments in the recent NCAA basketball tournament.

Martin directed some gentle ribbing at his Midwestern and Western colleagues, observing that Penn State "defeated the best in the west" and came out third only because it was defeated by another Pennsylvania team, LaSalle.

"Neither team, Penn State or LaSalle, was defeated by a Western or Midwestern team," Martin observed proudly.

"I cannot help but mention," said Martin, "that the two coaches, Ken Loeffler of LaSalle and Elmer Gross of Penn State, both are graduates of Penn State and both are Pennsylvanians."



Hugh Peery  
115-Pound Champ

## Gym Team To Defend NCAA Title

Gene Wettstone's Co-ordination Inc. gymnasts are steadfastly going through their routines at Rec Hall, preparing to defend their title in the coming NCAA tourney at Champaign, Ill., April 2-3.

The Nittanies, fresh from rolling to their second consecutive undefeated campaign, will be going all out to make it two in a row in the Nationals.

Although the Lions are highly regarded, and stand a good chance to repeat as titleholders, Florida State, Illinois, UCLA, and Southern California loom as strong contenders to capture the crown.

### Win Big Ten Title

The Illini, who came in second to the Nittanies in last year's tourney at Syracuse, easily won their fifth straight Big Ten championship at Ohio State on March 13. They registered 125½ points to go far ahead of second-place Minnesota who managed only 73½.

Illinois appeared to be especially strong in tumbling, and the side horse, and have potentialities in free exercise and parallel bars.

Florida State entered last year's tourney as the team to beat. They owned three consecutive NCAA titles previous to the meet.

Lion ace, Jan Cronstedt, will be seeking National honors for the third time, while Bob Lawrence, Co-captains Frank and Al Wick, Tony Procopio, and Karl Schwenzfeier will be making their second appearance in the annual classic.

The meet will consist of competition in nine events; free exercise, trampoline, rope, side horse, horizontal bar, parallel bars, flying rings, tumbling, and the all-around. Still rings and the long horse will also be used for gymnasts seeking the all-around title.

## Students Are Asked To Transfer Lockers

Students who have baskets in the Rec Hall locker room should move them to the new addition of the building immediately. Nick Thiel, professor of physical education, said yesterday.

The baskets should be moved to the same number locker in the south wing and should be locked with the padlock which each student now has, Thiel said.

## "Changing Partners"

# Sam's Song

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Last year basketball rules makers decided to keep the widely criticized "one-and-one" free throw regulation for lack of an adequate substitute. Last Monday the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada threw out the "one-and-one" rule and substituted for it a "bonus" rule. The latter is not a bad rule, but it's not a good one either.

The new rule will be in effect for the first 37 minutes of all 40-minute games. It provides that on a common foul, or one-shot infraction, the player be given a bonus free throw if he makes his first shot. If he misses his first try, the ball goes in play.

For the last three minutes, however, the old rule will remain unchanged, in that all fouls will be worth two shots.

The widely criticized one-and-one rule provided an extra free throw if the first try on a common foul was missed. It also was a 37-minute rule.

The new rule, with the exception that it was carried out for the full 40 minutes, was experimented last Saturday in the Southern California-Penn State consolation game in the NCAA finals.

Some liked it. Some didn't.

We think it's an improvement over the one-and-one rule, but it is not an adequate ruling. We believe that the original foul rule employed before the inception of the one-and-one rule was adequate.

In fact, it appears that the rules committee is gradually bringing it back. This "bonus" rule is the nearest thing to it. The original ruling called for a shot at the free throw line if a foul had been committed. If he missed his first try, the ball was in play and he didn't get a second. If a player was fouled in the act of shooting, he obtained two free throws—the second being put in play if missed.

This aforementioned ruling was changed because the coaches felt that it didn't stop intentional fouling. Well, what's going to stop them now?

Some critics say that the "bonus" rule will stress better shooting at the foul line. Really? Every rule stressed shooting at the foul line. Why not limit the game to 37 minutes and use the last three minutes to a contest? See who can make the best out of ten fouls. That's about what the new bonus rule will do. Then too, colleges and universities which do not have three slots indicating the score had better install them.

Since Dr. James A. Naismith tacked up his original 14 rules back in the 1890's, the restless rules makers have made more than 3000 alterations. And we predict that this "bonus" rule will not stick either.

One might say why not get rid of fouls altogether.

Well, you can no more take fouls out of basketball than you can take the motor out of an automobile and expect performance.

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## Lion Cagers Still Making Headlines

By DICK McDOWELL

The red-hot coals left in the wake of the National Collegiate basketball championships have hardly had time to cool, but already the results of the 1954 tourney are beginning to show—at least as far as Penn State is concerned.

The amazing Lions—just another college quintet less than a month ago, but now one of the most respected teams in the country—are going to be on demand for some of the sports' top invitational tournaments next year. At least that's the report from many of the nation's large newspapers, which suddenly found room for Penn State on their sports pages when Elmer Gross and his floor-men set the college circuit on fire with their astonishing tournament play.

The Lions turned a "good" season into a great one when they battered their way to the NCAA semi-finals last week while powerful Louisiana State and Notre Dame fell by the wayside.

The experts figure that the amazing Nittanies will be just as good next year—or better. With only Jim Brewer and Ed Haag leaving the Gross' ranks, and big Jesse Arnelle getting better every year, tournament officials are reportedly eyeing the Pennsylvanians with more than just passing interest.

Of course the Lions took a back seat to LaSalle when the big honors were passed out at Kansas City last Saturday but they came home with the third place trophy, and even at that it's going to take a long time for anybody to forget what they did in three tournament games before the fateful LaSalle contest.

Here was a team which had dropped five games during the season and was a surprise pick for the tourney—the last invited. Gross and his traveling squad slipped into Fort Wayne, Ind. for their opening game with Toledo entirely unnoticed.

Then the Lions proceeded to Iowa City where Indiana, Notre Dame, and LSU were awaiting their games in the Eastern regionals. Penn State was just a fourth team in the tourney. Nobody knew it was there and fewer cared.

### Freshman Track

Freshman track candidates should report to Chick Werner as soon as possible at Rec Hall. There will be a freshman track schedule this year.

Longest win streak in Penn State basketball history was the 15-game skein during the 1952 campaign.